

Office of the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense; and Karen A. Pica, Director, Federal Acquisition Institute, General Services Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year

2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DNI AUTHORITIES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authorities given to the Director of National Intelligence and personnel issues, after receiving testimony from J. Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 5437–5473; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 297–299; and H. Res. 986–988, 990–992 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 989, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representatives from the Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–528).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Richard W. O'Keeffe, Immaculate Conception Church, Yuma, Arizona.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 25, 2008.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 2 yeas to 390 nays, Roll No. 58.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 2 yeas to 400 nays, Roll No. 59.

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Providing for the adoption of H. Res. 979 and for the adoption of H. Res. 980: The House agreed to H. Res. 982, providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 979) recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary and for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res.

980) authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas, by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 32 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 60, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 979 and H. Res. 980 are adopted.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, February 13th:

Honoring African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness:

H. Res. 966, to honor African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 387 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 61;

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National Ocean Exploration Program Act: H.R. 1834, amended, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 352 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 62;

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the text of H.R. 1834, as proposed to be adopted under suspension of the rules, be modified by an amendment placed at the desk.

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Making technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: S. 2571, to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 63—clearing the measure for the President;

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Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 289, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 64;

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American Braille Flag Memorial Act: H.R. 4169, to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and other Americans, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 65;

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Commending the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans: H. Res. 790, to commend the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 383 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 66;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week: H. Res. 963, to support the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 67; and

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Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day: H. Res. 972, to support the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 389 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 68.

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Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H948.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H947–48, H958–59, H961–62, H963, H964–65, H965–66, H966, H968–69, H969, H970, and H970–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense, LT GEN James D. Thurman, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G3; LT GEN Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, and LT GEN Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Waste Development, and Related Agencies held an overview hearing on Vehicle Technology and Gas Prices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Land Border Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security: W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner, Gregory Giddens, Executive Director, Secure Border Initiative; David Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol; Michael Kostelnik, Assistant Commissioner, Air and Marine; Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held an overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: the Social and Economic Burden of Disease, Injuries, and Disability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY READINESS AND STRATEGIC POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Implications for Our Strategic Posture. Testimony was heard from Sharon Pickup, Director, Defense Resources and Business Transformation Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.